



Aiken High School

449 Rutland Drive
Aiken, SC 29801

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	1,432 Students	
Principal	Garen Cofer	803- 641-2500
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Board Chair	Ms. Rosemary B. English	803-648-1128

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Average	Below Average
2011	Average	Below Average
2010	Average	Below Average
2009	Average	Below Average
2008	Average	Good

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
15	19	5	0	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/14/2012.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Percent	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	73.5%	73.2%	77.6%	79.0%	80.3%	79.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.8%	16.0%	12.4%	11.1%	11.6%	13.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.7%	10.8%	9.9%	9.9%	8.6%	7.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Percent	87.8%	91.4%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011*	2012	2011	2012
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	401	381	297	270
Number of Graduates in Cohort	289	279	213	196
Rate	72.1%	73.2%	68.3%	74.1%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Number of Students in Cohort	413	395	311	270
Number of Graduates in Cohort	318	296	225	205
Rate	77.0%	74.9%	71.4%	76.5%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	67.1%	76.0%
English 1	64.7%	67.4%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	70.4%	79.0%
US History and the Constitution	45.8%	49.5%
All Tests	62.4%	68.0%

* High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,432)				
Retention rate	5.0%	Down from 5.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.9%	95.5%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.7%	Down from 56.6%	12.9%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	62.5%	Up from 55.8%	51.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.4%	Down from 28.9%	30.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 4.3%	2.9%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.6%	Up from 10.3%	2.6%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	694	Down from 737	413	395
Students participating in work-based experiences	3.2%	Down from 19.0%	8.9%	7.4%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.5%	Up from 71.6%	84.8%	84.0%
Career/technology completers placed	100.0%	Up from 96.8%	100.0%	98.4%
Teachers (n=81)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.1%	Down from 55.0%	62.6%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Up from 86.7%	88.1%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	No Change	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,347	Up 0.9%	\$47,502	\$47,326
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 5.4 days	9.5 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.9 to 1	Up from 30.7 to 1	28.6 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Up from 87.1%	89.0%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,853	Up 4.1%	\$7,620	\$7,708
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.8%	Down from 59.2%	56.0%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 61.1%	59.1%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.2%	Up from 97.0%	97.3%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern language program assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Good
Classical language program assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2012	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	312	87.8%	1249	62.4%	381	73.2%
Gender						
Male	146	87.7%	657	61.3%	177	68.4%
Female	166	88.0%	591	63.5%	204	77.5%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	163	96.3%	616	75.8%	187	81.8%
African American	136	78.7%	564	47.5%	176	63.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	11	72.7%	62	61.3%	14	71.4%
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	26	42.3%	119	29.4%	34	20.6%
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	46	50.0%	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	157	79.0%	744	53.2%	200	59.5%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Ranked in past years as one of the top high schools in the nation by US News and World report, Aiken High School is one of the largest high schools in Aiken County. Faculty, staff and administration are dedicated to providing a varied curriculum in all core disciplines, a rigorous college preparatory program, a business program, and a challenging Career and Technology Education (CATE) program. In 2012, several new AP courses were added in order to meet all the needs of our varied student population. Aiken High School's class of 2012 once again demonstrated their superior academic achievement through the number of scholarships that were offered. The overall total amount offered to Aiken High School students was over 15 million dollars. One student was a Presidential Scholar, one of only two in the state, another student was a Jefferson Scholar and 27 students were awarded Palmetto Fellows scholarships. Overall, more than 60% of Aiken High School's graduates received scholarships to attend colleges and universities as prestigious as Harvard University, Duke University, Vanderbilt and New York University. One student was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Aiken High School also continues its excellence in other programs. The Aiken High School Volleyball team and the Aiken High School Tennis teams were second in the state. The Aiken High School NJROTC Program received the prestigious Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors designation in addition to several other regional titles. The support provided by our stakeholders and volunteers enables Aiken High School to involve our community on a greater level and, as a result, generate achievement goals and new initiatives. Our School Improvement Council and PTSO (formerly Hornet Helpers) have been instrumental in helping to improve the appearance of our campus, in addition to providing scholarships and grants for our students and teachers. In 2012, Aiken High School will begin a major renovation and construction project designed to bring our facility up to standards necessary for educating students in the 21st century. Despite some of the challenges caused by a slow economy, our vision of preparing students for the future continues and all our faculty and staff are committed to a sound tradition of academic excellence.

Garen Cofer, Principal
Amy Conkelton, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	76	242	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.9%	61.1%	78.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	77.6%	61.7%	43.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	86.6%	72.7%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	66.5
Overall Grade Conversion	D

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Aiken High School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☒ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality Data

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Graduation Rate
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Grades 9-12

All Students	232	233	82	70	97.9	97.9	72.1
Male	229	231	83	70	96.7	96.7	66.5
Female	236	235	81	71	99.3	99.3	77.1
White	242	244	87	74	98.9	98.9	80.1
African American	220	217	73	65	97.9	97.9	62.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	205	203	N/A	N/A	92.5	92.5	17.9
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	223	220	75	65	97.7	97.7	57.4
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	223	220	76	71	95.0	95	73.1

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Two-Year HSAP Trend Data

	School Year	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	School % Proficient or Advanced*
English/Language Arts								
All Students	2011	356	97.5	12.0	27.3	25.2	35.4	67.0
	2012	331	97.9	11.7	35.2	27.4	25.7	65.8

Mathematics								
All Students	2011	356	98.3	23.2	25.6	28.0	23.2	60.7
	2012	331	97.9	17.6	28.7	27.7	26.1	65.5

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